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N.A.E. Soon To Celebrate 2nd Anniversary

the PRESIDENT'S column

Christ and the Non-Christian Campus

Since writing last month's col- mn, it has been my privilege to end a week-end at a leading te college, ministering to cam- s and town in terms of such d fashioned evangelical con- pts as sin, temptation, and ristian commitment.

Students and faculty gave a lendid hearing. although the dent president of the forum admit that such handling of brought a jolt to students, un- d as they were to the term.

Moral Approach

This experience on a modern npus has confirmed my grow- conviction that the most ef- tive Christian approach to this is not the reasoned apologetic prominent in my student gen- tion, but is rather the moral roach employed by Christ characterized by confronta- , encounter, moral crisis, llenge, choice, commitment. y? Because most cases of mo- oubt, as stated more fully in column of Sept. 1 last, are primarily intellectual but al in their ground.

n one of the faculty-student ussion periods dealing with religious approach to today's ege youth, significantly gh it was an older faculty esentative who seemed intent the stock intellectual ap- ch with the usual obeisance eligion to science. On this oc- n we pressed the importance he moral issue in connection doubt and faith.

matic Liberalism

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another forum or student eling, again it was among faculty members that re- nce if not resistance could sed as the reaction to my tence that counseling must n with youth's powers of l creatorship and choice d in a spiritual nature, a " or "soul" which, although enced by casual factors of lity and environment, is not y bound thereby.

llowing this session, one of nstitution's oldest professors, entist of some renown, in- me to his office where for of an hour he attempted nvince me of the folly of ype of religious approach to . Elsewhere in this issue in ticle, "God in Man's Image," e reported the gist of his ment.

n Youth Listens

for the most part, profes- and students, as far as I gather by observation and t, were both attentive and tive. The general college bly seemed especially ap- ative of the message, "Reb- Against the Yoke," which readers of this column heard me give in definitely elical circles.

lecture to students of psy- y and education on "Reli- s a Remedy for Fear," vig- ly opposed the claim of and his cult of expression- that religious and moral rds are hazards to mental

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N. Y. City Calls Special Meeting

NEW YORK, March 27 — The Greater New York Association of Evangelicals, of which the Rev. H. Clay Mitchell is chairman, has planned a meeting to be held April 20 in the Calvary Baptist Church, New York City. Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of Calvary Church; Dr. J. Elwin Wright, field secretary of N. A. E., and the Rev. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary for missions of N. A. E., will be the speakers.

A constitution and by-laws and a local program for united action will be the main items of business. A letter of invitation has gone out to all pastors of the Greater New York area who either are members of or have shown definite interest in the N. A. E. These pastors have been urged to bring one layman each from his own church.

Sessions will be held at 10 A. M. and 1 and 2 P. M.

Summer Conferences Permitted By O.D.T.

N. A. E. Conference With Convention Committee Is Successful

BOSTON, Mass., March 21 — Word has been received from the Convention Committee of the Office of Defense Transportation that Summer conferences, assemblies and camp meetings, both youth and adult, of vacation camp pattern combining recreation and instruction will be permitted.

This decision was reached following careful consideration of the matter by the Convention Committee after a conference with a special committee of the National Association of Evangelicals, appointed at a meeting in New York on Feb. 12. This meeting was called by Dr. Wright when it was discovered that an emergency existed and that an order might be issued which would close such meetings throughout the country.

The National Association of Evangelicals' committee, consisting of Rev. John A. Jernigan of Cleveland, Tenn.; Dr. J. Palmer Muntz of Buffalo, N. Y., and Dr. J. Elwin Wright of Boston, met with the secretary of the Convention Committee, Mr. R. H. Clare, on Feb. 13, after receiving authorization to act in behalf of 110 of the principal conference and camp meeting centers of the United States.

Mr. Clare outlined the serious transportation problem which the country faces and the necessity of greatly restricting travel during the next few months to avoid hampering the war effort. Even very important conventions were being cancelled.

Dr. Wright expressed the desire of the sponsors of the various summer conferences to cooperate with the government to the fullest extent, but pointed out that the Summer conference centers were vacation spots for Christian people, and inquired if it was the purpose of the government to close all vacation resorts. If resort hotels were not to be closed, the closing of conference centers would be regarded as discrimination against the churches.

The Convention Committee

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N.A.E. Scores Diplomatic Victory

The prompt action of the National Association of Evangelicals in securing an exemption of summer conferences, assemblies and camp meetings from the general ban on conventions is a major accomplishment. Many scores of thousands would have been denied the spiritually profitable vacation to which they had looked forward eagerly this season had such meetings been banned.

There was no evidence whatever of any dictatorial spirit on the part of the Office of Defense Transportation's Convention Committee. The conference with our committee was carried on in the friendliest manner.

All persons attending these spiritual vacation spots are urged to use transportation facilities which will not place additional strain upon the railroads, particularly the trunk lines.

The National Association of Evangelicals is delighted to have been of service to so great a number of Christian people, the majority of whom are not members, as yet, of our great and growing movement.

Organization Continues To Expand

By J. Elwin Wright

BOSTON, Mass., March 28 — As the second year of the corporate existence of the National Association of Evangelicals draws to a close the work is in a most healthful state of steady growth and expanding influence, according to Dr. J. Elwin Wright, the field secretary.

Less work of a purely promotional nature will be necessary hereafter as the character of the organization has become known in every large community in the country.

At the Boston office ten consecrated young women are busily engaged in caring for the correspondence, filing, mailing of literature, advertising campaigns, conferences, and rallies, assisting in the preparation and mailing of "United Evangelical Action" and performing other tasks.

Rev. Charles G. E. Chilton is occupied with the editorial work while Charlie Campbell looks after subscriptions, advertising, promotion, and the format of the paper.

Rev. Melville C. Hatcher comes and goes, but mostly goes, as he participates in the many conferences about the country. During the past year his duties have taken him into more than half the states in the union.

Mr. Robert H. Kelley, a devoted Christian, who has had wise experience in the business world, has taken over the management of National Evangelical Week, which is enlisting the interest of thousands of churches in every state in the country.

More will be said elsewhere regarding our regional offices in Portland, Oregon, Detroit, Michigan, and our branch office in Washington, D.C. Several other cities are about to open offices with full time secretaries.

The organization of such a movement as N. A. E. is a major task and cannot be completed in a year or even a decade. Prejudices must melt, misunderstandings must be frankly dealt with and dissolved. There must be a gradual education of the people in the benefits of cooperation without domination or interference with denominational

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Sunday School Convention Postponed

We have received this word from the Secretary of the Commission for Church Schools under the N. A. E. and we are including this in our columns for the benefit of those who may have made plans to attend. The notice reads:

"At the request of the U. S. Government War Committee on Conventions, The National Sunday School Convention which was scheduled to be held in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, April 30—May 1, 1945, has been cancelled.

"Our general plans for the revitalization of the Sunday School movement have not been abandoned. In fact, a representative committee will meet in Chicago in the above dates to plan for a full-scale convention in 1946. We will keep you informed of developments. We ask your prayers for this undertaking."

Chilton's Corner

Gambling or Glorious, Which?

God is seeking a glorious Church, but it would seem that in many instances it is a gambling church rather than a glorious church. Because of the leaking out of her first love she has gone all the way from hymns to bingo, and from dinners to dancing. Many, many things serve to show the backslidden condition of the Christian church and point to the imperative need of a revival, but none more than the discovery of the fact that more than one-half of the gambling done in our nation is promoted by the institution that bears the Name of Christ.

Who would have dreamed (let alone conceived) of the day when the Gallup poll would inform us that twenty-four per cent of the American people have admitted to gambling in bingo games, lotteries and the like in churches during the past year? This is the report that this well known sampling agency gave us on January 27 of this year. The House that was appointed to be "the house of prayer" has to all intents and purposes become "a den of thieves," for not only has she been dishonest in this association, but far more than this she has robbed men of that which is beyond the price of rubies.

This is much more than a case of "Be sure your sin will find you out." It is a case of Matthew 21.12: Be sure your sin will put you out. Jesus cast them out.

In place of fulfilling her commission, these practices have put the Church out of commission. "Having a name to live, she is dead."

Visiting a home where the husband was wholly indifferent to the church, and yet a home where the wife was most active in a church where these very methods were employed for the purpose of raising funds, we asked this man just what he thought of his wife's religion? His reply was biting and bitter, and of a nature not fit for print. We left this home feeling that this denunciation was merited.

A gambling church is a tool of the devil rather than the teller of "Good News". It is swindling men in place of saving them.

An unregenerate church membership holds the view that any activity that has as its purpose the raising of money for the Church is a virtuous thing. As Protestants, we indict the Catholics for their lotteries, raffles, and gambling parties and then turn round and do the same thing until the church is known for its oyster stews, ice cream suppers, chicken fries, bingo parties and rummage sales, in place of being known for the "Power of Pentecost."

A gambling church may cater to the world, but only a glorious Church can become the medium of a Holy Ghost revival, for as with churches so with individuals, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Missionaries Safe In Philippines

NEW YORK, April 2—A report has just come through from the Rev. A. C. Snead, Foreign Secretary of The Christian and Missionary Alliance giving the details of the members of their Society in the Philippines. The statement is as follows:

"Our Society has had 60 adults and children in the Philippines during Japanese occupation, including 2 who are related to the Ramabai Mukti Mission and 2 to Dr. Goforth's work in Manchuria, but formerly of our work in Central China. God has answered prayer and in the last few weeks we have heard from or concerning everyone of the 60. The lives of all have been preserved and now the 58 who were interned, including some little children, have all been released. Most are reported in fair health, a few children in good health, and 5 adults in poor health, but these latter are improving. Praise God!

"Those released from Los Banos report that they were not only released in the time of their greatest need so far as starvation was concerned, but also so far as lives were concerned for they had learned that the Japanese had very drastic plans concerning all of them. Our own son and daughter, Paul and Betty Snead, and their 2 little children, Larry and Mary Carol, were among those released from Los Banos. We had a letter from them this week. All are rejoicing in God's loving kindness. All are thin and weak in body but the nourishing food which the Army is furnishing them is helping them to make definite gains.

"The increased stress of war against Japan makes more evident the need for prevailing prayer for the missionaries and their families still interned in the N. E. I., in French Indo-China, China and in Japan."

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programs. There is also present as a hindering factor the enmity of the proponents of modernism.

In view of all these conditions it is remarkable that in these few short months the membership has grown to 900,000, with thousands in addition who are in spiritual unity with the objectives of the organization.

The eight active commissions are functioning in a splendidly constructive way. In some instances many organizations outside the membership of N. A. E. are benefitting greatly by the efforts of the organization for the propagation of the gospel. This is especially true in the fields of radio and missions.

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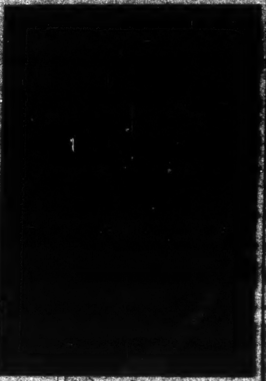

Rev. William (Billy) Graham, one of the nation's outstanding young preachers, has recently come to Youth for Christ International as a full-time youth evangelist.

Known as the boy preacher around Charlotte, North Carolina, his home, and throughout the Southland, he started preaching shortly after his conversion at the age of 17. Four years as associate pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in Tampa, Florida prepared him to succeed Dr. V. R. Edman as pastor of Wheaton (Illinois) Tabernacle in '41.

Billy became pastor of the Village Church, Western Springs, Illinois during the summer of 1943. In one year it tripled its membership.

Graham is now director of "Songs In The Night," one of Chicago's most popular radio broadcasts, and is also director of West Suburban Men's Fellowship, a most unique dinner meeting of business men from all over the western suburbs of Chicago, featuring outstanding speakers, and drawing large crowds.

Graham has a message peculiarly fitted for today's youth. He was the main speaker at the first Chicagoland Youth for Christ Rally in May of last year. Since that time he has spoken at Youth for Christ in Minneapolis, Toronto, Atlanta, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Miami, and many others.

Because of his ability as a "set-up man," he has helped in starting Youth for Christ in Orlando, Florida; Charlotte, North Carolina; Des Moines, Iowa; Norfolk, Virginia; and Jackson, Mississippi.

During the month of April, Billy Graham will be on the Pacific Coast. His itinerary on this trip includes the following cities: Cheyenne, Wyoming; Salt Lake City, Utah; Los Angeles, San Diego, Turlock, Fresno, San Francisco and Oakland, California; Eugene, Oregon; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Tacoma, Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Minneapolis.

Graham will be preaching every night during May in connection with one hundred meetings set up by Chicagoland Youth for Christ, prior to their First Anniversary Rally in Soldier Field on Memorial Day. Six teams, featuring top talent and speakers, will hit the high schools and other large groups during the day, while city-wide mass meetings at night will provide an outlet for the preaching of the old-fashioned Gos

Bob Finley, intere boxing champ and all-round lete, will be coming to Youth Christ International on May for full-time work.

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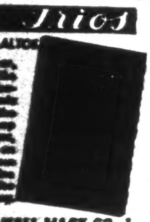

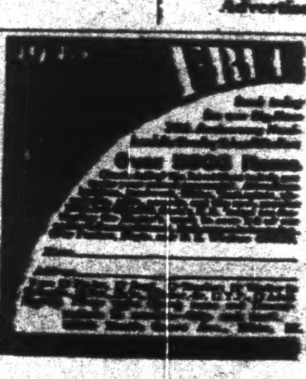

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MORE INFORMATION about the work can be secured and a possible presentation of it in your church or Sunday School can be arranged by writing to the address below. You will be referred to the nearest of our nine District Offices located from coast to coast. Literature will be sent on request. Ask for a copy of our field magazine, THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY.

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Evangelical Book Project Launched

The National Association of Evangelicals has secured Dr. Carl F. H. Henry of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary to serve as secretary of the Evangelical Book List Committee which will select each year the outstanding evangelical books. Books will be judged on their literary quality and faithful representation of the best evangelical thought.

Each year's list will be made available to the reading public, and is intended to supplement the American Library Association's annual list of outstanding religious books, few of which in the past have been evangelical.

Dr. Marston, who has headed the organizing committee, reports that the response from both general and religious publishers to the project has been enthusiastic and cordial beyond expectations.

Outstanding scholars in Christian thought, education, literature, and science are being secured as readers. The list for 1944-45, it is planned, will be published in the early Summer

vangelistic Campaigns At Pontiac And Cleveland Reach New Peaks

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 30 Revival blessing swept over th y of Pontiac, Mich., in the re t three-week evangelistic cam gn under the leadership of Dr Henry Hankins of Pine Bluff , with Mr. and Mrs. Harold xander, noted song writers, in rge of the campaign's musical gram. Twenty-six of the lead- churches of Pontiac partici- ed in this, the greatest move- t in the past 30 years, accord- to old timers of the city.

he Tabernacle, located at the rt of town, was built years ago until recently has been used an undertaker for storage pur- s. The members of the Lan- Club, a local club of Chris- business men, under the spur the campaign plans several ths ago, raised and spent 00 in renovating this building reparation for the meetings. Tabernacle was crowded night r night throughout the three s to the very peak of its ca- ty.

ch week day between 4 and clock, great audiences of chil- and young people of school packed the building, crowds ing from 1,000 to 3,000. This evangelism work was under competent direction of Mr. and Alexander and hundreds of e children decided for Christ. ddition, virtually every public l in the city opened its doors he Alexanders and Dr. Han- Some 800 persons, young old, professed salvation dur- the campaign.

xpenses were largely met be- the meetings began so that little was said about money during the series. Ministers and Christian workers of Pontiac report great blessing throughout the city from these meetings and Christians everywhere will rejoice.

A similar campaign running for four weeks simultaneous with the Pontiac meetings has just concluded with Dr. John Rice as Evangelist and Stration Shufelt in charge of music. Here again God has marvelously blessed. At Cleveland, nearly 100 churches have co-operated. The large meetings were held in Cleveland's well-known Public Auditorium with crowds ranging as high as 3,000 and more and many hundreds confessing Christ.

The secret of blessing at both cities has been due to the fervent prayers of God's people in prayer groups widely established. These campaigns were developed under the leadership of Christ for America following the pattern used in the great Philadelphia campaign in 1942 with Dr. Hyman Appelman as the Evangelist when more than 2000 confessed Christ.

Mr. Horace F. Dean, President of CHRIST FOR AMERICA, announces that the next city-wide campaign is planned for Cincinnati where Dr. Appelman and Straton Shufelt will be teamed together. The dates for this campaign are May 13 to June 4. Numerous other cities are making preparations. Pray for this national evangelistic movement which is proving so fruitful.

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Resume of the Work of the Secretary for Evangelism

MELVILLE G. HATCHER Secretary of Evangelism

It is increasingly apparent to the members of the staff of the N. A. E. that there is a growing realization on the part of evangelical pastors and laymen that a great and strong voice is needed in America to represent them. The recognition of this need is seen in an outstanding way in the national office in Boston and the Washington office. The director of the Northwest area and the chairmen of the many committees throughout the nation also report an ever expanding interest.

Not a week passes but requests are received from pastors who desire to have the functions and objectives of the work presented to local church and ministerial groups. There are at least 130 such requests on file now coming from almost all the states. Itineraries are being planned so that all of these, whether small or large, will be visited as soon as possible. Insofar as we can, the members of the staff have answered these calls for assistance in the past. Our travels have taken us deep into the South and out to the West Coast. The Midwest has been visited several times, and other areas likewise.

During the past year, many conferences and rallies have been held. The staff has participated in a large number of these. New state and local committees have been formed and programs have been adopted by them. In some sections, local committees have shown initiative and have arranged and conducted their own conferences. Just to name a few: Boston, DeMoines, Miami, Los Angeles have been among the most active.

The Arch Street Methodist Church in Philadelphia was the scene of a four-day conference last September in which Drs. Harry Hager of Chicago, Harold J. Ockenga of Boston, and Bob Shuler of Los Angeles took part.

Binghamton, N. Y., and Detroit, Mich., were visited in late November. At Binghamton, the speakers were Dr. Hager and Dr. Wright, Rev. Maury Jacques, Rev. M. G. Hatcher, Drs. Bob Jones, Sr., Harry Ironside, Howard Ferrin, J. Elwin Wright and others brought great blessing to hundreds in the Central Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

One of the direct results of the Detroit conference was the enlistment of Mr. Irwin W. McLean, a Christin layman, as director of the Michigan Association of Evangelicals, and Commission for Industrial Chaplaincies.

In response to the repeated calls, a tour of conferences was held in the South during January and February. Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, was the starting off point in early January. Many outstanding leaders were on the program. From there a team went to Birmingham, Ala., then to Miami, Fla., for an eight-day conference in each place; to Sebring, Fla., for four days. Two days were spent in Augusta, Ga., at Cary Weisiger's church where a local committee was chosen. The historic and beautiful Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Ga., opened its doors for an eight-day conference in February. A five-day conference in Roanoke, Va., brought this Southern tour to a close.

Dr. John W. Bradbury, Rev. Clyde W. Taylor and Rev. Melville G. Hatcher participated in all the conferences. Dr. Dan Iverson of Miami, Fla., Dr. Russell Bradley Jones of Chattanooga, Tenn., Dr. Clarence Benson of Chicago, Ill., Bishop Leslie Marston of Greenville, Ill., and Graham Gilmer of Lynchburg, Va., joined the team at various points.

The next few months will be spent in visiting churches throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey from which have come calls. We shall be very happy to hear from any pastors or churches in the above mentioned states who would be interested in having the work of the association presented to their people.
thing stands out in our minds

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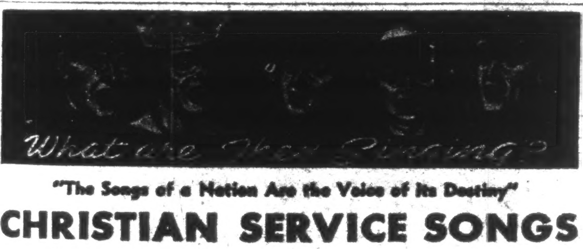
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Youth Column

By C. Stacey Woods

This month's contributor is Paul Beckwith, Hymnologist and Musical Secretary, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

A large part of the appeal of great mass meetings for youth is the thrill of singing together. Every great revival of religion has been accompanied by a revival of group singing. Witness Wesley's hymns, Moody and Sankey, Billy Sunday and Rodeheaver. There is a reason for this.

There is nothing that will unify a group and get them to thinking together about great eternal truth like singing hymns and gospel songs.

Take, for example, a crowd of 4,000 people gathered in a large auditorium for a religious service. They have come in off the street, and their minds are occupied with about 4,000 different things. Then a chord is struck up on the piano, and a choir starts singing a familiar hymn. Immediately the thought of each one is turned to the choir. The leader asks the audience to join in a song of praise, and the whole group is united, singing praises to the Lord. That is why songs have been such a fitting preparation of the heart for a message from the Word of God.

Young people today are singing as never before. Perhaps not wisely, or exactly as you or I would have them sing, but they are singing, and God is blessing in their lives. The gospel chorus is here to stay, with its brief message, carried to the heart by a singable tune, and remembered and hummed after the meeting.

One of my close friends has testified that when a young man he attended a great Bible Conference. He forgot everything that the speakers said, but he has never forgotten a little chorus he learned there: "Christ liveth in me." And the truth brought home by that chorus revolutionized his life.

The most important thing about a song is the message it contains. That is what brings blessing to the heart.

Instrumental playing of hymns is effective, but spiritual blessing is dependent on the words.

Many people have been saved while listening to an instrument play some great hymn or gospel song. But it was the words which brought home to the heart of the hearer the message, and which was the channel the Holy Spirit used in bringing that individual to the Lord.

When selecting hymns, care should be taken that the music should fittingly express the thought of the words. Don't sing songs that deal with such eternal truths as the efficacy of the blood of Christ, and songs about the person of our Lord to a light and flippant tune. This does dishonor to the One about whom we are singing.

Increasingly, young people are finding the hymn book a real help in personal devotion to the Lord. Hymns are not a substitute for the Word of God, but often the hymn writer has expressed [illegible] our own. Personally, the writer has had real blessing in using Thomas Ken's wonderful morning hymn, in his quiet time, and making this prayer his own:

"Direct, control, suggest this day
All that I do or think or say,
That all my powers with all their
 might,
In Thy sole glory may unite."

If you have charge of the music at a meeting, plan your song service. Don't sing altogether about yourself — use some of the great objective hymns of the church. And don't cover up your lack of preparation by saying, "Does anyone have a favorite hymn they would like to sing?"

Several young people's groups have enjoyed a hymn practice session when they learned some of the new songs and hymns. Then, when these songs were used in a service, they were able to enter into them heartily. Take time to learn new hymns and tunes. Failure to do so is like failure to read a new book. Just because a tune may be old or the words familiar, does not prove that it is valuable.

The deepest emotions and longings of a human soul are for an intimate, personal knowledge of God. The great hymnody of the church has expressed that desire and points to its fulfillment. Through singing these hymns, we can gain a deeper longing for the heights which they express, and we find that "He satisfieth the longing heart."

Dr. Clinton Churchill Speaker At New England NAE Rally In Boston, Mas

BOSTON, Mass., March 21—At the recently held annual Spring conference of the New England district of the N. A. E., Dr. Harold John Ockenga was elected chairman for the ensuing term.

The meetings were held March 12th at Park Street Church in Boston, with Rev. Carlton Helgerson presiding. Reports indicated that interest in the work of the N. A. E. is growing. Much progress has been made especially in New Hampshire and in Rhode Island.

Dr. Clinton Churchill of the Churchill Tabernacle in Buffalo was the guest speaker. Rev. Melville G. Hatcher, Secretary for Evangelism of the N. A. E., told of the progress being made in the N. A. E. Dr. Ockenga spoke on the "Romanist Challenge to Evangelical Protestants."

Those serving with Dr. Ockenga for the ensuing term are as follows: Dr. James T. Elder, vice-chairman; Rev. J. A. Parkin of Providence, secretary; and Rev. Inar Sellevaag of Portsmouth, N. H., treasurer.

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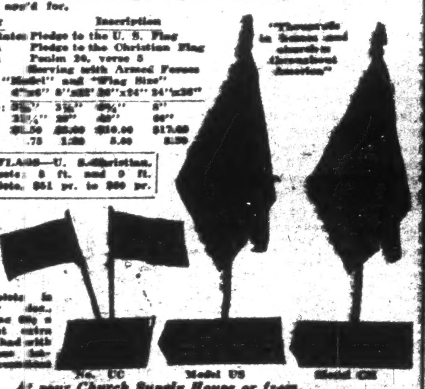
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Report Of Midwest Activities By Robert A. Cook

Torrey Johnson was the speak- at evangelistic meetings held Wheaton College, February through 18. Speaking each rning in the chapel service, d again each evening to large owds gathered in the gymna- um, he reached and helped to ange hundreds of young lives the glory of God. "This series s one of the best we ever had," ld Prexy V. Raymond Edman er the meetings were over. me student reactions: "Torroy nson's straightforward, sim- preaching surely made its y direct to all our hearts.... e evangelistic meetings of the st week were a real blessing me....The presence of the ly Spirit was evident....I uld like to have been here ring his (Johnson's) freshman ys in Wheaton; I imagine he pt things humming!....I am e that in heaven we will be onished to see and know the ults of this week just past." tstanding service of the entire ek was the missionary appeal en 250 young people dedicated mselves to full-time mission- service.

Chicagoland Youth for Christ cooperating with NAE in col- ting clothing and supplies for r refugees. The committee un- the leadership of Mrs. Percy Moore, is now working on its hth ton, which includes warm thing, blankets, sheets, soap, other articles.

One hundred meetings during month of May! This is the edule set up by the leaders Chicagoland Youth for Christ, they look forward to their t Anniversary Rally Memor- Day in Chicago's Soldier Field. cities and towns in the area hin a radius of 150 miles of ago will be included in a amlined program that in- les six gospel teams — top nt and speakers—hitting high ols and colleges during the , and city-wide mass meet- at night. Speakers include Graham, Merv Rosell, Bob y, Mun Hope, Charles Tem- Porter Barrington and . Musical talent will in- Doug Fisher, Merrill Dun- the Youth for Christ ensem- the Midwest Chapel Hour ers, and other top-flight and instrumentalists.

900-foot Victory Rally film be shown at each meeting, announcement made for Field.

Anniversary Rally.... rial Day....Soldier Field! us does Chicagoland Youth Christ plan to celebrate its birthday. Plans now call for oir of 5,000 under the direc- of T. J. Bittikofer, of Ameri- ck to God Chusade; a band 0, directed by Col. Harry ay of the Salvation Army; ant missionary pageant, re- ing the help and cooperation of hundreds of people, and other dramatic features that will require an aggregate of ten thousand people to put on this great patriotic, missionary, and evangelistic meeting. "We expect a capacity crowd of over 100,000," said Torrey Johnson, director of CYFC, recently. "God has put this work on a miracle basis since its beginning, and we are looking to Him to keep it that way.

Youth for Christ, International, the newly launched service for youth leaders around the world, is growing by leaps and bounds. According to those on the inside, which includes a board composed of directors of several large Youth for Christ movements, and regional directors from United States, Canada, and foreign countries, this movement may well be the revival for which God's people have prayed so long. Service offered by Youth for Christ International (office: 130 W. Wells, Chicago 6, Ill.) include help with speakers and talent; a monthly news bulletin attractively printed, with space for local imprints; the Youth for Christ magazine, edited by Clyde Dennis; confidential news letters and reports to Youth for Christ directors; and the help of men like Evangelist Billy Graham and Bob Finley to assist with the set-up of new Youth for Christ groups. "The

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health. Another lecture to a sociology group on "Society and the New Adolescence," pointed to the psychological and moral effect upon modern youth of society's present trend toward paganism with its progressive leveling of standards and surrender of ideals. Sober and earnest youth confronted me in both groups and their professors were indeed courteous in manner and at least in a measure sympathetic in viewpoint.

Near the close of the series, the faculty adviser in charge, when asked if at points my message had been too drastic, emphatically declared they had not, and added, "Young people today don't want the truth sugar-coated." And he earnestly requested a return engagement.

What a Challenge!

Looking back upon this campus series, I now marvel at my own directness of approach and frankness of message. From my knowledge of the non-Christian campus over most of a generation, I confidently declare that such a ministry would have been impossible only a few years ago.

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New England Fellowship Reports Record Year

BOSTON, March 25—On March 15, the New England Fellowship published its annual report showing a marked expansion in every division of the work during the past year. Monthly Bible conferences were conducted in 56 cities of New England and New York with approximately 400 churches cooperating each month. Thirty evangelistic campaigns were held by Rev. and Mrs. Cutler B. Whitwell and Rev. Sheldon Helsley. Staff members held 651 recorded services in churches of all denominations.

The Fellowship had its best summer season at Rumney, N. H. in 1944. Young people thronged the grounds, 450 at a time. Announcement has been made that this year there will be four weeks for young people (July 1–28) with Messrs. Ferrin, Booth, Wyrtzen, Scott, Stockwell, and others. The general conferences will have among their speakers Drs. Zwemer, Fritsch, Bradbury, Innes and Bob Jones, Jr.

The Victory Hour, known to thousands of New Englanders, has been maintained throughout the year each weekday morning. The Radio Ensemble together with Rev. Franklin Ellis have made this half-an-hour a real blessing to the many listeners.

About 8,000 children have been given Bible study and moral education in isolated rural areas through the work of ten well-trained teachers who travel from one little schoolhouse to another. Each teacher conducted about 40 such classes and Sunday services as well.

Two summer camps, Pineridge for boys and Camp Cathedral Pines for girls, were maintained throughout the summer at the Fellowship Grounds at Rumney, N. H. There was an excellent staff of counsellors and the spiritual results were very satisfactory.

Seventy-eight vacation Bible schools were held last summer with indications that even more will be conducted this year. Nearly 5,000 children were given intensive Bible study under the leadership of 41 trained young people.

The Fellowship Book Stores, both in Boston, Mass., and Portland, Maine, have doubled their volume of business since 1942 and have ministered to thousands through the distribution of sound gospel literature. The advising of many Sunday School teachers and other Christian workers in the selection of worthwhile teaching aids and supplementary material has been an important part of the ministry of the bookstores.

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The Mission Of The National Association Of Evangelicals

By John W. Bradbury

The National Association of Evangelicals has been called into existence by Almighty God. We who have seen this movement grow from its inception have marvelled at the evident leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the church. At every crisis, when it seemed too difficult for His humble and limited servants to proceed, our Lord has providentially supplied the needed wisdom and resources. We have met with obstruction where we least expected it. But, by the grace of God's Spirit, we have thus far followed where He led us and by His guidance we are enjoying good success.

Dr. John W. Bradbury
Editor, Watchman-Examiner

I.

The National Association of Evangelicals is a voluntary fellowship of New Testament Christians. There are in numerous sects or groups of churches. Each entity is respected as to its organization and internal policies. The Association is not schismatic.

There are, however, interests common to all. There are duties and ministries we may perform collectively. There are spiritual and service contributions each may render to all and all to each. We are, therefore, a Christian comradeship of mutual service. No matter what our enemies and critics say, the National Association of Evangelicals has up to now been and proposes for the future to be governed by the command of Jesus: "...That ye love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

II.

There is need for the National Association of Evangelicals. Evangelical Christians believe in the church and its mission to the world. They look upon the church in our homeland as God's appointed means for the salvation of the American people. We regret the confusion created by the turning away of some from the Christian Faith. It has resulted in so confusing a testimony that it now becomes necessary for those who hold the Faith of Christ to draw together for the purpose of giving to the people the Gospel of God and to seek a great spiritual revival in the churches all over the land.

The National Association of Evangelicals looks upon the church in our country as a base from which we are to evangelize the world. A revived church will mean a re-birth of true missionary zeal. We are not a missionary agency. We can, however, provide a cooperative means with the intention to stimulate each component part of the Association in missionary endeavor and provide a clearing-house of technical advice and service to all. Already an efficient office is set up in Washington, D. C.

III.

There is not in existence, at the present time, an organization capable of interpreting and defending the Protestant American principle of the separation of church and state. The National Association of Evangelicals is a consistent proponent of the principle but needs greater strength to be effective. The position on this issue invites increasing support. This it is receiving. Naturally, to be either protective or remedial the Association must acquire broad national strength and support. There are available to the Association church groups totalling 20,000,000 in membership and probably more. National policies governing religious freedom may only be influenced by a determined solidarity.

This also applies in the social situations in our country which involve moral reform. We need united Christian conviction in regard to conditions which affect public morals. The time has passed for us to think the forces of evil may be restrained by passing denominational resolutions. We must give God the chance to employ our united moral conviction.

IV.

The National Association of Evangelicals frankly faces the gigantic problems now before the churches in the field of religious education. Modernism has concentrated on this training system and evangelicals have lost much ground. The result is tragic perversion and spiritual confusion. We shall need the best minds of all evangelical bodies to reconstruct the training elements of evangelical Christianity.

V.

The National Association of Evangelicals invites the cooperation of churches and individuals of like conviction. A great deal of the disillusionment now evident in American Protestant circles will be transformed into a movement for Christian victory once evangelicals discover their strength, renew their great faith, seek a nationwide revival and reveal the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

During the past generation evangelicals have lost the leadership in Christian ministry and they have deteriorated by division. The result of modernism is judgment and war. God is giving the future to Evangelicals. If we obey, the world may know peace to permit its final and complete evangelization. We stand together at the threshhold of the future. Why should we not march into the future together to cover the earth with the knowledge of the Lord?

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Official records show that about 800 public conversions of faith in Christ took place with many hundreds of Christians, for the first time, taking a public stand for complete consecration to the cause of Christ.

Widely publicized by the Cleveland daily papers the revival campaign was reported to be the first union campaign in 30 years.

Dr. Rice, known to evangelical circles as one of the prominent evangelists in America, is a man of 49 years, of medium height and powerfully built. He has a warm, fervent passion for the souls of lost men and because of this passion has had rich success in the past 20 years in which he has held over 300 revival campaigns, with an estimate of 20,000 conversions. Besides holding more than a dozen union campaigns in the last two years Dr. Rice is also the author of over 40 books and pamphlets which have had a circulation of over four million copies, with his book, "Prayer: Asking and Receiving", printed in 60,000 copies.

Living in Wheaton, Illinois, with his wife and six daughters, he directs from there the Sword of the Lord Publishing House which publishes his books as well as the Sword of the Lord weekly magazine edited by Dr. Rice, which now has a circulation of over 40,000 copies.

Of Texas birth he was converted at the age of nine but did not begin active Christian work until attending the University of Chicago he began doing personal work in Pacific Garden Mission. Strangely enough, the "hub" of mass evangelism turned out such famous evangelists as Billy Sunday, Mel Trotter, etc.

Graduating from the Baylor University he was a student pastor while attending South-western Baptist Theological Seminary. After his seminary training he was a successful pastor of two large Texas churches, the latter in Dallas, Texas, where he had 3,000 confessions of faith in Christ.

Spending most of his time today in union evangelistic campaigns Dr. Rice predicts that old-time mass evangelism is on the way back. To that end he drives himself unmercifully day and night as he says, "For Christ and for souls".

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important thing is to get started right," remarked Graham, recently. "Wherever Youth for Christ has been launched on a sound basis, it has been remarkably successful." Youth leaders are looking forward to the Youth for Christ conference scheduled for July 22-29 at Winona Lake, Indiana. There they can have fellowship together around the Word, and exchange ideas, cull out things that have served as hindrances, and work more closely together for the salvation of souls and the building up of believers.

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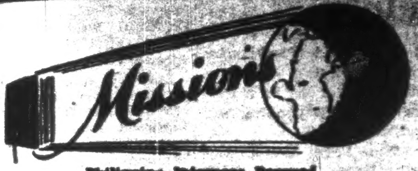

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"On February 3rd, Lt. Col. Has- tt Conner gave the final orders 700 of his men in a Luzon sugar e field, which resulted in the pture of Camp Santo Tomas in anila and put to an end the ree-year internment of 3,700 erican men, women and chil- en! In order to accomplish their , this courageous 700 had to their way through 60 miles Japanese held territory. Hid- machine gun nests awaited m in Santo Tomas. In the dead night they suddenly broke their y into the camp, and one needs y little imagination to picture his mind the great rejoicing on part of those who had so long en imprisoned. One correspon- t later wrote: 'I tripped once, covered myself and pushed into hysterical mob of internees, ving, shouting, screaming— e weeping. The feeble, shadowy ht from several candles only rtly lighted the large lobby. I ld not say anything, the din so terrific. Hands just felt , pressed me, and voices cried, hank God you are here — it's en so long.

"Among those thousands of in- nees were some of our own As- blies of God missionaries, and are praising God, together with ir relatives, for the good news their release. Minnie Tangen um received an official tele- m from Washington, D. C. ting: 'Please to inform you t information received indi- es the rescue by our forces of r sister and family, Robert B., dred E. and Robert E. Tan- . Physical condition fine. For- rly interned at Santo Tomas.'

'Alvin L. Branch, an instructor one of our Bible Schools, has eived a like telegram from the vost General in Washington: pleased to inform you that rmation received indicates the rescue by our armed forces of your daughter, Helen Branch Johnson, and family, Leland E. Constance, Samuel, Margaret Joy Johnson. Physical condition fair. Formerly interned at Bilibid.'

"The Missions Department has just received our first direct communication from the Philippine internees — a letter written by Gladys Knowles and Doris Carlson on February 10, 1945, and sent through the facilities of the American Red Cross. They wrote in part: 'We are glad to let you know that we are safe in Jesus' keeping and expect to be home soon. The Red Cross has informed us that we shall be flown to . . . shortly and then shipped home. Many times we have felt the power of prayer on our behalf and wish to thank all who have remembered us.'

"So there is the story of God's answer to the earnest, endless prayers of thousands of Christian people. No doubt when these friends are safely home in the United States once again, they will be able to tell us of the abiding presence of the Lord, even amide the horrors of Santo Tomas and Old Bilibid Prison.

"Thus far, however, we have had no word concerning three single missionaries who were also interned in the Philippines. They are Blanche Appleby, Rena Baldwin and Elizabeth Galley. Let us continue to pray for these friends, that God will protect them, bless them, and bring them safely home."

A later report came through stating that missionaries interned in Camp Holmes, Baguio, are now here in Manila. They are Doris Carlson, Elizabeth Galley, Gladys Knowles, Robert Tangen and family, and ourselves, (the letter being from Leland Johnson).

Blanche Appleby and Rena Baldwin were taken to Los Banos Internment Camp.

The Bible Goes To Russia

EW YORK, N. Y., March 21— American Bible Society re- ves from time to time letters uiring concerning the stand- of various organizations pur- ting to be engaged in supply- or preparing to supply Scrip- s to Christians in Russia. In eral, these organizations are ate agencies not endorsed by related to official church bod-

he American Bible Society the British and Foreign Bible ety have been watching the ation in respect to Russia and Bible with the most eager careful attention. It is of most profound interest to Societies, which have in the been active in the supply of Scriptures just so far as sible.

British Society is constant- g contact with the situ- Russia as is the Ameri- ety also. The latter, to produce Scriptures, more than 400,000 in Russian and two edi- New Testaments, the t in the new Russian ly. A supply of Bibles printed in Sweden and Bible in a new format set in type in the U. S. American Society, its Geneva office, has Scriptures to Russian of war held by Ger- and is supplying them to chaplains whenever

evidence has been found by either Society that can be shipped into any clear indication aid, financial or otherwise, be welcomed. There are pos- ities that it might be resented. Upon the possibility of aid the Societies initiated careful inqury a number of weeks ago to which response is not yet in hand.

As soon as it is clear that there is a valid possibility of aid in supplying Scriptures to the Russian people, the American Bible Society will instantly seek the funds required. Until then it does not feel itself warranted to appeal for resources or to claim the possibility of achievements genuinely in doubt.

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Dr. Maier Of Lutheran Hour In Appeal For National Repentance

CHICAGO, Ill., April 3 — Dr. Walter A. Maier at a great Lutheran rally, when 23,000 packed the Chicago Stadium, called for national repentance. He denounced America's sins—including divorces in public officials' families, the plowing under of cotton and wheat, the destruction of "supposedly surplus pigs," and the tightening grip of atheists and Communists in government.

We quote in part from the Chicago Tribune: "The meeting informally voiced the need of a day of national repentance. This was urged by the preacher, Dr. Walter A. Maier of St. Louis, Mo., who each Sunday through the Lutheran hour, on more than 500 stations, preaches to one of the greatest radio congregations. The meeting was called by the Chicago Lutheran business and professional group at the request of Philadelphia, Pa., religious leaders who first called for a national day of penitence.

"'We need repentance from top to bottom,' Dr. Maier said. 'We need it in the nation's capital where drunkenness and vice are notorious, where high and applauded people in widely circulated magazines print attacks on Bible truths, where lives of too many public officials are marked by unjustifiable divorces, where atheists and Communists are securing a tighter grip, where a secretary of state can quote that infidel Henley's 'Invictus' and say: 'We are the masters of our fate,' and where God's abundance can be ordered devastated.'

"'We need real repentance among all American officials,' the speaker continued, 'who dream dreams of a new world that has no thought of God, and in the Army and Navy, where, despite all previous roseate promises, medical experts now admit that the rate of veneral diseases will keep pace with the high figure in World War I. While our lads are risking life and limb, 50 billion dollars in war contracts on the cost plus system has been lost by dishonesty and waste.'

"The service was held before a white candle-lit altar beneath the flag of the United States and of the church. A Missouri synod service flag above the altar displayed 2,880 gold stars and 112,515 service stars."

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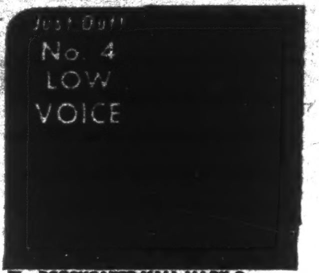

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Youth for Christ, Memorial Auditorium, Kokomo, Ind.
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Missionary Convention.
April 10
Berean African Mission, St. Louis, Mo.
Missionary Convention.
April 11-13
The People's Church, Beloit, Wis.
Missionary Convention.
April 13-15
Churchill Tabernacle, Buffalo, N. Y.
Missionary Convention.
April 15-22
Rockford Gospel Tabernacle, Rockford, Ill.
Missionary Convention.
April 22-29
Christian Tabernacle, Washington, Iowa.
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April 29-May 6
Immanuel Temple, Canton, Ohio.
Missionary Convention.
May 5-13
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Seattle Evangelical Ministers Organize

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Rev. Erick Gustafson, pastor of the Mission Covenant Tabernacle, was chosen as president for the group. Rev. B. T. Gabrielson of the Denny Park Lutheran is Vice President; Rev. Charles Hoffmeister of the Westside Presbyterian is Recording Secretary while Rev. Myron F. Boyd of the First Free Methodist is corresponding secretary.

Rev. Wm. Nagel was present at the meeting lending much assistance to the organization in its plans for Seattle. A Sunday School convention is planned; a city-wide campaign of evangelism is under discussion; Holy Week services were conducted in cooperation with the Christian Business Men's Committee w Dr. Paul Rood and Mr. P Myers (First Mate Bob) as th speakers.

Since the state of Washing will soon have the privilege released-time in the schools Christian education plans under discussion through evangelical group to be for an organized, well-prepa program to offer the schools.

The Seattle group will be tive and promises to make an pact in the city for God righteousness. The group once a month for lunch, fell ship, prayer and business.

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that in all things He might have e preeminence." (Col. 1:18.)

God's greatest delight is to nor His Son. "For it pleased e Father that in Him should all ness dwell" (Col. 1:19). When r hearts are tuned to God's t, we too are delighted to e Jesus Christ the pre-emi- nence."

I. He is first in Creation. If e have eyes to see, we know at the Heavens declare the ory of Christ, and the earth eweth His handiwork. When arles H. Spurgeon was con- rted, he said the trees and the wers, the sky and the earth, d new beauty and new mean- g. When our eyes have been ened by grace, we see that e very flowers bloom for the y of God. They are among "all things" that were cre- ed by Him and for Him. (Col. 6.)

I shall not soon forget a re- nt trip that took me into the lifornia Redwoods. To follow th my eyes those straight, tall ires, was to be pointed to aven, and the One who made em. There was the Grizzly Gi- t, 269 feet high, and over 34 t in diameter at the base. Its t branch is 113 feet from the ound, and is greater in dia- ter than any of our trees in ssouri. As I stood contemplat- g a tree which was a sap- g when Abraham walked the th, I realized I was looking one of God's monuments.

Again when I have viewed the tures of the "island universes" en through the 100-inch tel- ope at Mt. Wilson, and the t burst upon my mind that e light from those stars had veled at the rate of 186,000 les per second for millions of ars to reach the photographic ate, I have thought of Him by om "all things were created at are in heaven and on earth." ol. 1:16). Or I have thought of e billions upon billions of owflakes which have fallen on the earth, and contemplated e fact that each is a perfectly utiful pattern in miniature, d no two have been found ke. Again, my heart has sung e praise of Jesus Christ, who first in creation.

II. He is first in Revelation. at we see in Nature is rightly lled the "handiwork" of God— t which is done in His spare e. At our home we have an han which was made by my ther in her spare time. As I it upon occasion, I think of ther's skill and thoughtful- s. But there is much about ther which the afghan does tell me. Occasionally I re- e a letter from her, which s me much more. Yet letters so unsatisfactory. Nothing really take the place of see- her personally. Even so with Lord. He is revealed in Na- e. But Nature cannot tell me His love and forgiveness — y of His might and wisdom power.

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by Francis Thompson.)

o God spoke through His phets, and they wrote down message in the Bible—God's e-letter to us. But the great revelation of God is when He came to us personally, in His Son. It is here that Christianity is different from all religions. Religion is man's seeking after God. Christianity is a revelation—God seeking man. Jesus Christ is the permanent revelation of God.

III. Christ is first in History. Someone has said that, "The only thing that we learn from history is that man never learns anything from history." The trouble is that we have spelled it wrong. To understand the meaning of history, we should spell it "His-story." For, as Dr. John A. Mackay points out in his book, "A Preface to Christian Theology," "The first observation that needs to be made is that the conception of history and of historical progress is a creation of Christianity. Before the advent of Christianity and the formulation of Christian thought, the course of human life was conceived in the western world under the figure of a circle. Events moved in an everlasting cycle. Time to the ancient Greeks was 'a wheel of unending recurrence.' The movement of events was interpreted in terms of geometry and astronomy, that is to say, in terms of the circle and rhythmically gyrating planets. There was literally nothing new under the sun. The whole interest of thought was in the changeless. The good in every realm of life was that which never changed. Progress, therefore, was quite unreal. But for Christians, time found a centre in Jesus Christ. Christian thought proceeded, therefore, to break the ancient circle and bend it back until it became a straight line with a beginning, a centre and an end. Happenings on the straight line of history were regarded as the unfolding of an eternal purpose, which God revealed to man in Jesus Christ the meaning and the centre of history. From this it followed that true historical progress was movement in that direction in which the truth inherent in Christ, the centre of history, was grasped, interpreted, and applied."

All history before Christ converges at the cross. All history since Christ diverges from the cross. We even measure time "Before Christ" and "The Year of Our Lord" (B. C. and A. D.). Surely Christ is first in history!

IV. Christ is first in Salvation. When Joseph Cook of Boston stood before the World's Congress of Religions at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, he challenged the representatives of the religions of the world with one question. He related the sleep-walking scene of Lady Macbeth, when she tried to wash the guilt of murder from her hands, crying, "Out, spot, out, I say. What, will these hands ne'er be clean? Here's the smell of blood still: all the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand. What's done cannot be undone." His question was, "What do you have in your religion that will cleanse Lady Macbeth's hands?" There was no answer. There is no answer, except in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no cleansing for the guilty heart but the "Fountain filled with blood." Joseph Cook was able to give that answer to his listeners and to the world: "The blood of Jesus Christ, (God's Son), cleanses us from all sin." (I John 1:7.)

This is not good advice, but good news. I have visited the La Brea pits in Los Angeles, where the skeletons of prehistoric animals have been found, preserved in the tar in which they were trapped hundreds of thousands of years ago. There is still a pond of that treacherous tar. I am told that one day a lad climbed over the protecting fence, and became stuck in the tar. The more he struggled, the worse his plight became. As he was gradually sinking, his cries were heard by a passing motorist on Wilshire Boulevard, who called the fire department. A fireman put a ladder out from the solid ground to where the boy was now hopelessly struggling. Let us imagine the fireman's conversation. He said, "Young fellow, don't you know better than to climb over that fence? Hasn't your mother told you not to go too near this pit? Now you have learned your lesson!" And with that he pulled the ladder back and went to the fire station, leaving the boy with his good advice. Did he? No! He reached down under the boy's armpits and pulled him up to safety! Even so our Lord did not come to us with the good advice of Confucius, or the hopeless struggle of Mohammed, or the passive despair of Buddha. He came to meet us in our sin, and at the cross He lifts us out of the miry pit and sets our feet upon the Solid Rock. No wonder Jesus Christ is preeminent in Salvation: He alone is our Savior!

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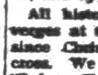

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Evangelicals Meet In Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif., March 30 — A representative group of pastors met here on March 13 at the Mission Covenant Church, of which Rev. Edwin S. Johnson is the pastor, to consult with Dr. J. Elwin Wright regarding the organization of the Bay Region. After a review of work being done by N. A. E. in its national and regional offices, the meeting voted to call a conference of all in this area who are interested.

The meeting will be held on the afternoon and evening of May 11 at the Lakeside Baptist Church in Oakland, with a supper gathering between the sessions at the Mission Covenant Church.

Rev. Edwin S. Johnson was appointed chairman of the temporary committee. This committee is made up of one representative from each denomination in the Bay Region, which is interested in the organizaiton of the evangelicals of the area.

First Brethren Church In San Diego

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SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 19—A well-attended meeting here tonight resulted in new enthusiasm among the local evangelical leaders for the immediate expansion of N. A. E. work in this area. Dr. J. Elwin Wright of Boston was the guest speaker. Rev. Clarence Agard, pastor of the Mission Covenant Church and chairman for San Diego, presided. The speaker was introduced by Dr. John Bunyan Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who has been identified with the movement from its beginning.

Several local committees are to be formed in outlying sections in the immediate future and tentative plans are under way for a part-time field worker to assist in advancing the local program.

New Version Of Bible Completed

CHICAGO, Ill., March 27 (RNS)—A new revised standard version of the Bible, begun 15 years ago, and officially approved by 44 Protestant denominations, has been completed, it was announced here by Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean of Yale University Divinity School. The volume is now in the hands of the publishers, he said, and the New Testament probably will be available by Christmas.

Projected in 1930 by the International Council of Religious Education, the project was delayed during the depression years, but was renewed in 1937 by outstanding scholars named by the churches, Dean Weigle said.

Outlining the many difficulties encountered by the scholars, Dean Weigle, who is secretary of the revision committee, cited the conflicting views of the revisers and the publishers on the use of pronunciation aids in the text.

The scholars wished to remove accent marks, hyphens, and diacritical signs showing vowel and syllable values, he said, but the publishers insisted that without such pronunciation aids the Bible would not seem to be the real Bible to many people. It was finally agreed, he said, to use pronunciation aids only for more unusual words.

Dean Weigle added that the committee had "used straightforward English based on the King James and American standard versions" in the new volume.

Senate Gets Bill Barring Liquor Advertising

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (RNS)—Senator Arthur Capper (R. Kan.) has introduced in the Senate a bill prohibiting the transportation in interstate commerce of advertisements of alcoholic beverages, assertedly at the insistence of religious groups.

In connection with the introduction of his bill, he inserted in the Congressional Record a statement of findings of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council. The bill was referred to the committee on interstate commerce.

Summer Bible Conferences — Camps

Brookwoods Camp for Boys

SOMERVILLE, Mass., April 2—Brookwoods Camp for Boys, located on Lake Winnepesaukee in the foothills of the White Mountains, will open its second season July 3rd. Sponsored by Dr. Lawrence Andreson of Boston, the camp is designed to foster the development of Christian character for boys 9 to 14 years of age. Brookwoods was conceived for the express purpose of founding a camp where Christian parents can send their sons with the assurance that there will be real spirituality. In addition, boys receive individual training in swimming, boating, horseback riding and crafts. Last Summer, Brookwoods was filled to capacity during most of the season. This year enrollment will be limited to 50 boys.

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Phoenix Leaders Meet For Consultation

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In the evening, an open meeting was held at the First Church of the Nazarene. A report was brought of the recent important advances made in the national work, and an interesting discussion period followed. Rev. Jared E. Gerig, pastor of the Missionary Church, is chairman of the area committee.

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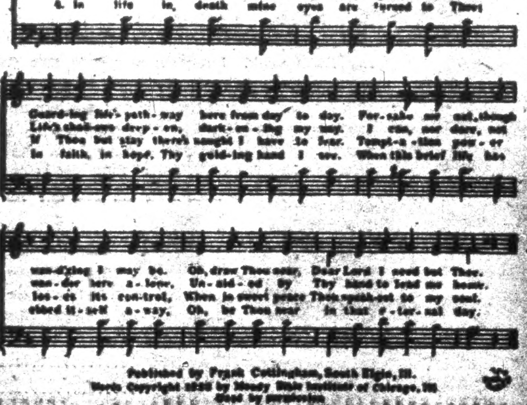
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GOD IN MAN'S IMAGE

Leslie R. Marston

Above the door of a southern university appear these lines, chiseled in stone:

"No man is greater than his god;
Up from the self-same path they trod;
One moves not faster than the other can;
No god is greater than his man."

Religion without God

These lines baldly state the logical descent of liberalism into a religion without other god than man—the dead level of humanism.

In "The President's Column" of this issue brief reference was made to the elderly scientist who protested against our religious approach to modern college youth. My effort to tell him that he didn't know what was happening among modern youth he little heeded, seeming eager rather to keep control of the conversation himself lest his cherished ideas of nearly a half-century be rudely disarranged.

For him, life is self-contained with no place for a spiritual or transcendental principle, much less a personal relationship with God. Just as the purpose of physical education, said he, is to train muscle and nerve and to build bodies through proper nutrition, and of academic classroom education is to train the brain in its powers of judgment and discrimination, so it is the function of religion to condition the glands and viscera by means of the "quiet hour" and other worship exercises of religion.

Thus will come the conquest of fear and a tractable lower nature responsive to reason's control. We are made that way, said he, and God has no direct dealings with us in prayer or worship.

Santa Claus and Evangelical Faith

O no! He would not rudely rob the older church group of faith in the soul and in spiritual reality any more than he would heartlessly disillusion a small child concerning Santa Claus. He would have preachers continue to address ordinary folk in the usual doctrinal formulas, leaving them undisturbed in their fond but false beliefs!

But unless we come to terms with science in dealing with modern college youth, they will turn from the church for they will have nothing of a religion of soul and spirit. Thus he labored to set me straight.

Lay Leader "in good standing"

Is he, then, an avowed atheist? No indeed! He was eager I should know he is a member (lay leader, another informed me) of an historically evangelical church in the ordained ministry of which he boasts three brothers.

With evident satisfaction he reported his own conversion when young, but under questioning denies now that aught happened between God and him—his conversion was merely a change of ideas and feelings on his part. Believing, he claims, is what benefits us (our glands!) regardless of the truth or falsity of what we believe.

In leaving, I made a final effort to jar the complacency of his religion of science without God by suggesting that a quarter-century hence (he must now be well past sixty!) we meet again to review the religious situation in the light of intervening developments.

I am sure that neither of us considered the interview a satisfying one.

Scriptural Biochemistry

But I was to have the last [illegible]. Entering the pulpit Sunday night to bring the closing [illegible] of the series to the [illegible] community of that college [illegible] my eye quickly marked my [illegible] friend who was seated [illegible] to the front. I had now my [illegible] and he must listen. What irony! This dogmatic [illegible] in religion who as a biologist had yesterday denied all [illegible] between life and death [illegible] in matter's microcosmic organization, must now listen while [illegible] preacher declares the mystery of biochemistry as wonded

Bishop L. R. Marston
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by our Lord in John 12:24-25.

"Verily, verily I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringest forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."

Religious Liberalism Leaves Youth Cold

This scientist represents the liberal religious order on the campus which has so appallingly failed to challenge and hold college youth in recent years. He belongs to the same intellectual generation as the university pastor who tried to lead a group of us university men over the modern approach to the Bible, interpreting it not as God's word to man but as man's word about God; and who sought to give us the modern view of Jesus by interpreting him, not as God's redeeming reach downward to man, but as man's highest upward reach toward God. Thus he sought to save our faith by adjusting it to the so-called advances of liberal thought.

What moral and spiritual havoc this liberalism has wrought and still works among college and university groups! Liberals have attempted the grotesque stunt of riding at once two horses, religion and naturalism, which run in diverging directions.

But young people today are not challenged by a religion which is an apologetic compromise with naturalism. Most of them are religiously bewildered or frankly disinterested. Some—and their number seems to be increasing—are responding to the clear-cut challenge of evangelical faith.

Faith for College Youth

Today's evangelical swell is reaching the American campus. Fortunately, organizations are already functioning to implement this movement.

The American Scientific Affiliation plans a serious and reverent approach to religion by scholars who seek the beginning of wisdom in the fear of the Lord. Their work should soon result in measurably clarifying and confirming the faith of students who are intellectually honest in their quest for truth.

Another significant movement, directly evangelistic in spirit and method, is the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship which functions on the non-Christian campus in promoting cooperation among evangelical students and in channeling their Christian testimony and service to their non-Christian fellows.

We pray that these organizations may be blest of God in firing another great revival of evangelical Christianity on the American college campus.

Fresno Leaders Organize

Evangelical Leaders of Area Enthusiastically Uniting

FRESNO, Calif., March 28 — Following rallies in the Memorial Baptist Church in Fresno and the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in Reedley on the 15th and 16th, the pastors met in a breakfast conference on Saturday.

The gathering of leaders was arranged at the Hotel California and was attended by representatives of several denominations of Fresno and surrounding towns. Following an extended discussion of the need of united action among the churches of this area which are committeed to the fundamentals of the faith, it was unanimously voted that a local committee of N.A.E. be organized. A committee was appointed to arrange a county-wide meeting to be held at an early date. This committee met for luncheon on March 21 to perfect the arrangements.

There is prospect of an initial enrollment of from twenty to twenty-five churches. Dr. James C. Matthews, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, convened the meeting, acting as temporary chairman.

Rev. V. G. Gerber Holds Meetings

ST. JOHN, N. B., Canada, Mar. 22—Rev. Vergil G. Gerber, Assistant pastor of Tremont Temple Baptist Church in Boston, recently conducted a successful two-week evangelistic campaign in the Ludlow St. Baptist Church, West St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. The campaign was sponsored by the Baptist Churches of that area. Every night the church was crowded to capacity and there were more than 100 public decisions for Christ during the meetings. Many expressed their desire to follow the Lord in the waters of baptism, and the Christians were strengthened by a genuine spirit of revival.

From the very first meeting the Spirit of God began to work in the hearts of individuals throughout the community and many could not sleep at night because of the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

During his stay in St. John, Mr. Gerber also spoke to the boys and girls in the public schools, and was heard regularly over radio station CHSJ.

Baptists Protest Donation Of Free Labor, Materials

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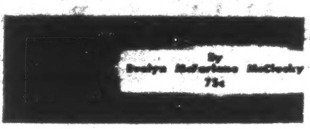

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Perhaps we do not need to be as puzzled as many of us seem to be over the increasing tendency of the rising generation to leave God entirely out of its reckoning. Let's do a little honest thinking about it.

From the age of five through to maturity our children are under the control and discipline of the public school system more of the waking hours of the day than they are in association with the parents who gave them birth. What the public school system does for them and to them is, therefore, about the most important thing we have to face.

Let's consider the chances which an average child has to grow up to be a God-fearing man or woman. About five per cent of our children attend Protestant churches and/or Sunday Schools with fair regularity. Twenty percent attend non-Protestant churches or Sunday schools when they go anywhere. The rest are, in most instances, without Christian or religious training of any kind.

There is a growing concern throughout the nation over this situation and at least sporadic attempts have been made to correct it. The passage of laws to permit the dismissal of children at least one hour weekly to attend their respective churches for religious instruction is being attempted in every state and in most states such legislation is already in effect.

We are heartily in favor of this system, which is known as "released time" instruction, when it is properly carried out with competent and truly consecrated leadership. In the hands of modernists it can be immensely harmful.

However, this form of Christian instruction has its limitations. It is not adaptable to many rural areas because of the impossibility of transporting the children from the schools to the churches.

There is a considerable hue and cry that there would be no need of "released time" had the churches not fallen down on their job. This was the principal argument used by the opponents of the recent "released time" bill in New Hampshire which went down to ignominious defeat this winter. There is, of course, a grain of truth in this complaint -- but only a grain. The cause of Bible ignorance lies far deeper.

There was a day when American children were not ignorant of God or the Bible. They might have lived where church going was difficult but if so, they still had another means of knowledge of the way of Life.

I recently secured a copy of every reading book used in the schools of the state of Vermont and published between 1800 and 1850, which I was able to find, for the purpose of analyzing the matter contained there. I had a hunch that perhaps what I would find might be significant. I was not disappointed.

WITHOUT EXCEPTION these books had a considerable religious content. The percentage of such material ran from 23% to 100%.

Here are some samples:

FROM THE NEW ENGLAND PRIMER PUBLISHED AT WOODSTOCK, VT., IN 1822.

"Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God lest He depart from you."

"Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation."

83% of the material in this book is religious.

FROM THE NEW ENGLAND PRIMER PUBLISHED BY TRACY AND [illegible] IN [illegible]. [illegible]% RELIGIOUS MATTER.

The chapter titles are as follows:

The Lord's Prayer
The Apostles' Creed
Dr. Watts' Cradle Hymn
A Divine Song of Praise to God
A Dialogue Between Christ, Youth and the Devil
Grace Before and After Meals
John Rogers' [illegible]
The Shorter Catechism

FROM EMERSON'S READER, PUBLISHED IN WINDSOR, VT., IN 1834. 275 PAGES. 40% RELIGIOUS MATTER.

The following are among the chapter titles:

The Pleasures of Religion
Christian Benevolence
The Sabbath
Opening of the Sixth Seal
Passage of the Red Sea
The Character of Jesus Contrasted With Mahomet.

And here are some quotations:

"Jesus called His hearers to repentance."

"Let us in imagination hear and see the blessed Jesus when He gives His apostles authority to go forth and baptize all nations and preach in His name repentance and remission of sins; when He empowers them to cast out evil spirits and speak with new tongues and to work wonders, when He holds up to them the promise of a Comforter and power from on high and when, having blessed them He ascends into Heaven, where He is forever seated on the right hand of God."

FROM THE GOODRICH READER, PUBLISHED IN 1833. 304 PAGES. 67% RELIGIOUS MATTER.

"A pious man, pouring out his wants and sorrows to an Almighty Supporter, feels that he is not left solitary and forsaken in a vale of woe. God is with him. Christ and the Holy Spirit are with him, and though he is bereaved of every friend on earth he can look up to Heaven to a friend that will never desert him."

And we might continue with similar quotations without number.

In contrast with these readers of that period in American history when the foundations of our country were being so adequately laid that we have become the most powerful nation of earth, let us examine the contents of the readers today. I carefully analyzed those now in general use in the state of Vermont. Here is the result:

Primer. No reference to God or Christ.

First reader. Seventy pages of mythology, fairy tales and other fanciful stories. Not one reference to the Bible, God or Christ.

Fifth reader. [illegible] pages.

Two and five-eighths pages carefully selected from the Psalms and Proverbs to avoid offense. BUT in this reader there were twenty pages of mythology, and two and one-half pages about Buddha.

Sixth reader. [illegible] pages.

God was mentioned [illegible] times. There was no reference to the Bible or Christ. BUT there were forty-two pages of mythology.

From the ancient history in use in the high schools, first year.

"If we go back far enough in the history of man we reach a time when he must have been without speech and unable to even build a fire. There was no one to teach him anything."

From another history. "The first men were more helpless and brute-like than the lowest savages in the world today. Their only clothing was the coarse hair that covered their bodies."

"The stone-age man lived more than [illegible] years ago."

It is very apparent that in the opinion of educators today it is highly dangerous to give our children any information about God, Christ or the Bible, although information about Buddha, Mohammed, Confuscious, Jupiter, Mars, and the other divinities of heathendom is considered desirable and essential.

All this poppycock about the danger of breaking down the separation of church and state if our children are taught the basic truths of the Christian faith in school is absurd. The children of 1800 and 1840 were nurtured in the faith in the schools and became the men and women who made America great.

The church is expected to overcome all the irreligion and secularism taught in the public schools in twenty to twenty-four hours weekly with only one hour in which to do it and an attendance of only a small fraction of the children during this hour. It is an impossible task.

Until and unless public opinion throughout the nation is radically changed so that the commonly accepted doctrinal as well as historical and ethical truths of the Christian faith are again taught freely in the schools, by teachers who believe the gospel message, our nation will continue to slip further into godlessness.

Such teaching can and should be provided without sectarian bias. If the evil forces of irreligion could be defeated so that the gospel could, as in other days, be ingrained into the very fiber of the thinking of our rising generation through consistent and persistent instruction in every school in America we could produce a new leadership which would carry us through the difficult days of reconstruction that lie ahead. In my opinion nothing else will serve as an adequate substitute for this.

If God, Christ and the Bible cannot be brought back into the public schools then there is but one thing for the evangelicals of the nation to do. We must establish our own Christian day schools as some denominations have already done so successfully. But we will leave that for later discussion.

J. Elwin Wright

Roving Reporter

DR. J. ELWIN WRIGHT
Your Roving Reporter

Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse has had a large ministry on the West Coast during the past winter. He has filled the pulpit of the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, and has conducted a series of weekly services in Melrose Baptist Church in Oakland, First Presbyterian Church in Stockton, Mission Covenant Church in Fresno, Glide Memorial Methodist Church in San Francisco, First Presbyterian Church in San Jose, and numerous sessions at other points.

The first missionaries to sail under the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society embarked for India on March 15. The party included Rev. and Mrs. Eri Frykenberg, Mrs. A. R. Fromman and Mrs. Grace Deininger. Others are to follow shortly. Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, general director of the newly-formed society, is carrying on an aggressive and extensive campaign of promotion. Hundreds of Baptist churches are supporting this new and finely organized work which is true to the faith.

Rev. Edwin Johnson, pastor of the great Mission Covenant Church in Oakland, left by plane for an extensive tour of Alaska on March 13. He will conduct many services. His last responsibility before taking off was to preside at the meeting of leaders called to consider the organization of a Bay Region Committee of N. A. E. A second meeting to organize the work formally will be held on May 11.

Dr. Richard Ellsworth Day has been in temporary retirement in his delightful home in Sunnyvale, Calif., while he puts the final brush strokes on his portrait of Henry P. Crowell in a book entitled "Breakfast Table Autocrat." This book has occupied much of his time for more than two years and will undoubtedly be his masterpiece. It will be off the press in June and will be published by Moody Press. The price will be $3.00. Mr. Henry P. Crowell was undoubtedly America's most outstanding Christian laymen of this century. He shunned publicity and would not consent to any announcement of his many benefactions while he was living.

Miami is stepping out with a major Youth for Christ rally in the Great Orange Bowl Stadium. Twenty-thousand are expected to attend. The meeting will be on May 12 and is being organized by our Miami N. A. E. Committee of which Dr. Dan Iverson is the chairman.

Rev. R. L. Decker, our beloved first vice-president, is gathering a strong committee of Christian leaders in Kansas City for the promotion of N. A. E. work in that area. Plans are in the [illegible] ink for some really effective co-operative work there.

More than 22,000 service men and women and 4,000 civilians visited the Service Center at the First Baptist Church in San Diego in the month of February. Conversions are a daily occurrence. The work is under the efficient management of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Bryant.

The work of the Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Ore., is steadily growing under the efficient leadership of Dr. Willard M. Aldrich. More room to accomodate the largest student body in the history of the school is an imperative

Summer Conferences Permitted

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asked Dr. Wright to file a brief, which he did. This read as follows:

"Feb. 15, 1945

"Mr. R. H. Clare
War Committee on Conventions
Office of Defense
Transportation
Room 2404,
New Post Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Clare:

"We have been going over the correspondence with our various constituent bodies which have authorized us to represent them in the matter of Summer assemblies, and find that the combined membership of these organizations is 1,391,446, and that the normal combined attendance at these various meetings is 212, 670. We have endeavored to make a fairly thorough canvas of conferences held throughout the country, and additional information is being received at this office with every mail. However, up to the present time, we have received information on 20 to 25 per cent of the total number of such gatherings. Whether or not this means that the combined total attendance throughout the United States would be four to five times the total indicated by those who have authorized us to represent them, I am unable to say, but I presume it would furnish some indication. While we have a number of the largest conferences included in our figures, we know of several others of equal size from whom no replies have as yet been received. Our figures represent 102 different summer assemblies.

"As we stated at the time of our conference last Tuesday, these summer assemblies furnish a vacation spot for a very large number of church people throughout the country. There has been a tremendous increase during the last few years in the popularity of these places. To deny religious organizations the opportunity to carry on these conferences would simply mean that in most instances the people who would otherwise attend them will go to some other vacation spot instead. There would, therefore, be no lessening of the problem of transportation. Closing these summer assemblies and leaving other resort places open would be regarded by the denominations generally as unfair and unwarranted discrimination against religion, and would undoubtedly arouse a great deal of unfortunate controversy.

"I would like to make the following suggestion with the understanding that this is a personal suggestion rather than be authorized by our committee: realizing the serious situation with which our country is faced in our transportation problem and having every desire to cooperate with the Government to the fullest extent in reducing the strain put upon railroads, we would, I feel sure, be willing to broadcast throughout the United States an urgent request to all people attending these summer gatherings to choose a conference as near to their residence as possible, and to use conveyances which are not needed for the transportation of military personnel or supplies, in every instance where such transportation can be obtained.

"In a considerable number of instances, the organizations sponsoring these gatherings are absolutely dependent upon pledges and subscriptions made by those in attendance for the carrying on of denominational, missionary or charitable objectives.

"In a great majority of instances, an important part of the summer conference program relates to other activities. Special conferences for youth with supervised recreation, moral and spiritual instruction is featured throughout the season.

"Each season a number of new conference centers are established and I would suggest that, in the present emergency, no fault could be found with your office if it refused such assemblies permission to initiate their programs until the emergency is over.

"May I further point out, which I believe you already understand, that in almost every instance these assemblies are located outside of centers of population, usually upon some lake or in a mountain or seashore resort. In a majority of instances, a considerable percentage of those in attendance own cottages on the grounds, and most of those who do not own such property are entertained in buildings owned by the sponsoring organizations so that commercial hotels are not used for the entertainment of guests.

"I am asking Rev. Clyde W. Taylor, of our Washington office, located at 1422 F Street, N. W., to keep closely in touch with you, and be prepared to write immediate information to us regarding the decision of your committee. As you can readily understand, the advertising of these conferences is, in most instances, either already off the press, or about to be printed. There will be deep concern on the part of all organizations to know where they stand in this matter, as soon as possible.

"Thank you for your sympathetic consideration, and we assure you again of our desire to perform our patriotic duty in respect to transportation.

"Yours sincerely,
(signed) J. Elwin Wright."

Rev. Clyde W. Taylor, director of our Washington office, sent us the following night letter:

"Church camps and summer assemblies, both youth and adult of vacation camp pattern, combining recreation and instruction permissible. No permit needed. These must not be made vehicle for conventions, institutes or other types of restricted meetings which still require permits even though held at summer assembly grounds. Am mailing complete O.D.T. ruling."

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Hyman Appelman Los Angeles Campaign

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 31—Returning to Los Angeles for the second time in less than six months, Evangelist Hyman Appelman recently completed a successful meeting on the eastside under the auspices of Christ for Greater Los Angeles, the same organization which conducted a great city-wide tent meeting with him as the evangelist last Fall with attendance running between 6,000 and 7,000 and decisions numbering 3,000.

The recent meeting was held in the Roosevelt High School in the foreign section of the city, recognized as a difficult field in which to conduct a revival with some 60,000 Jews, 120,000 Mexicans, 10,000 Russians, besides Negroes and other racial groups. But a miracle of grace was performed with conversions made in every service and several churches revived with many of their members finding a new and deeper experience in Christ. Dr. Appelman was at his best, being able to make unusually effective appeals to these racial groups. In addition to the regular daily preaching service, he spoke twice daily on the radio Monday through Friday. Unquestionably a great factor in the success of these meetings was the co-operation of a large prayer group which functioned as effectively in the first meeting and continued intercession in this recent endeavor.

Christ for Greater Los Angeles, which is made up of Christian business men and a large number of co-operating Evangelical churches, including the N. A. E. group, is now planning a continuing evangelistic program in and around Los Angeles.

Dutch Reformed Church Calls For Spiritual Renewal

GENEVA (By Wireless), March 9 (RNS)—Spiritual renewal both in the Church and in the nation's social, political and economic life was stressed in a pastoral letter by the Netherlands Reformed Church. It was issued by an emergency commission set up to act for the national synod "until the completion of Holland's liberation," and was read at special intercession services in the freed provinces.

Expressing gratitude for the progress of Allied liberation, the letter, however, voiced "deep concern" for the future of regions where "sickness and death still visit the people, and men and women are dragged away by thousands."

"The Church recognizes in the terrible events of these days," the pastoral said, "the judgment of God on a world that has turned away from Him, and on a confessing Church which has already fallen short of the obedience God demands.

"It is all-important that we should live in the fellowship of Christians, constantly, and with self-denial, helping neighbors and compatriots; the fellowship wherein all things are held in common, so that those who have lost everything in the war and seem alone to pay the price of the war, are not left to themselves, but given sacrificial help in money and kind; the fellowship wherein Christ is honored and injustice done away with, and His love is not denied by deeds undermining our communion.

"We regard the black market as a great evil in our midst; also the lack of seriousness among many women and girls, who treat honor lightly; the sterile criticism of some against all working hard for the reconstruction of national life; and those persons who try to escape responsibility by refusing to work.

"But we do not speak only to the Church. Precisely because we see in the horrible events of our time God's judgment coming to a world turned against Him, we witness before the whole nation that salvation comes only in Him whose name is above all names. Christ demands not only a radical renewal of Church life, but of the whole political, social, and economic life. That is why the Church is intensely interested in the search for new solutions which has become manifest in our time."

The pastoral urged cooperation among all groups in the nation saying:

"We fervently hope that the solidarity of the different classes and groups of the nation, so evident in the years of terror and oppression, may be maintained after the war, and lead to better understanding among employers and employees, as well as to mutual readiness to sacrifice for the common good.

"Workers should be considered as honored partners in the working community, with a full share of common responsibility. Their rights to security of work and a decent existence and to sufficient insurance for sickness and old age should be recognized. All capable of working have also the duty to work.

"There is in our time a passionate seeking after new ways, forms and organization in society. As members of the Church of Christ know, however, the best organization of society will not avail if it is not carried on by men who have found a new life in Christ. Therefore, a call to repentance must go out into the world in order that more men may be brought to the obedience of faith and that the name of God may be glorified in the world and His will done on earth as it is in heaven.'

College Executive Enters Pastorate

Horatio J. Chase

EVERETT, Mass., March 23—Rev. Horatio J. Chase, Executive Secretary of Gordon College of Theology and Missions of Boston, Mass., has announced his acceptance of the call of the First Baptist Church of Everett, Mass., to become their pastor. He has supplied the church as interim pastor since the resignation of Dr. Harold C. Abbot last October.

Mr. Chase was graduated from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles in 1921; He was ordained in October of that year in the Baptist Church of Preston City, Conn., which he served for two years. In 1923 he accepted the call to the Montauk Avenue Baptist Church of New London, Conn., and after 4½ years of service he enrolled as a student at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Philadelphia. He served the First Baptist Church of Collingdale, Penna., for fifteen years. Ten years of that time he was on the faculty of the Philadelphia School of the Bible.

The Directors of the New England Fellowship called Mr. Chase to the office of Executive Secretary in the year 1942. For the past year he has served Gordon College of Theology and Missions in a similar capacity. Mr. Chase is much in demand as a Bible Conference speaker. He has also directed many financial campaigns in New England in the interest of local churches. Over $300,000 has been raised in cash and pledges in New England churches under Mr. Chase's direction the last twelve months.

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Secretary of American Bible Society In The Philippines Reported Safe

News of the release from Los Banos internment camp in the Philippine Islands of the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Fonger has just been received by the American Bible Society. Mr. Fonger was the Society's secretary in the Philippines. He refers to their rescue on February 23 as most heroic and dramatic.

The Fonger's son, Burton, was suddenly stricken in August by a high fever which was, with difficulty, identified as a form of malignant malaria, and he died on August 14, 1944.

The Fongers report themselves "in good health considering." Mr. Fonger has not had opportunity to inspect the Bible House at 636 Isaac Peral, Manila, but believes that it and the entire surrounding area is destroyed. There were stored in the concrete warehouse at the rear of the Bible House the plates of whole Bibles in eight Filipino languages and also the plates of New Testaments in ten or twelve additional languages.

Mr. Fonger writes that paper and printing are out of the question in Manila for many months but that there will be immediate demands for Scriptures that will include English and Chinese as well as the Philippine dialects.

Through the helpfulness of American Chaplains some Scriptures have already been started on their way from San Francisco and others will follow as soon as shipments can be arranged, but if the plates are found to be destroyed a very considerable task of production must be undertaken in this country. The American Bible Society already has on the [illegible] 200,000 Gospels in Tagalog, [illegible] and Cebuan which will be [illegible] as soon as they are [illegible].

No word has been received by the Society from the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hudspeth and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hobbs of the Society's staff in Shanghai nor of Dr. C. P. Cohen-Stuart, secretary of the Netherlands Indies. It has been learned that Mr. George Popoff, secretary for the Society in Bulgaria, is well and teaching at present. No word has been received from George Kladis, agent in Greece, since the liberation.

105 Students Enroll In California School

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 20 — Glad Tidings Bible Institute reported an enrollment of 105 students at the opening of the new semester this month. New students totalled 31.

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Gordon's prospects for the coming year are very bright. The advanced enrollment for next September is considerably in excess of the number formerly enrolled at this time of the year. President T. Leonard Lewis has announced that the faculty will be strengthened by the addition of new members. The curriculum is to be considerably increased. The friends of Gordon are rejoicing in the successes that are attending the efforts of the new president and his loyal staff.

Hyman Appelman In Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 24— Conducting a special 12 meeting in the Norwood Baptist Church in this city where Dr. L. J. Powell is the pastor resulted in over 150 conversions and transfers of membership through the efforts of Hyman Appelman.

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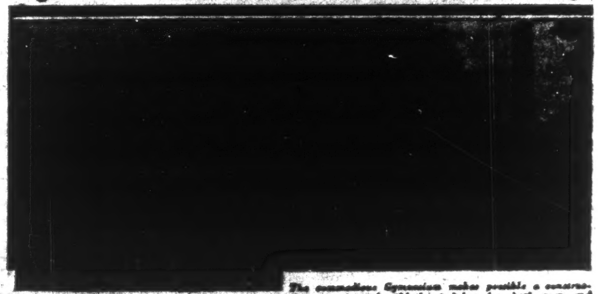

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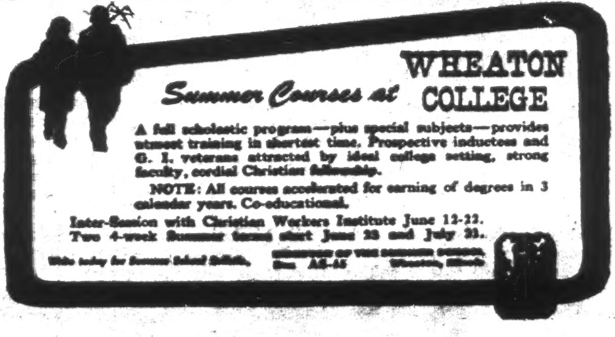

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BOOK REVIEWS

By Charles G. K. Chilton

The Leathernecks Come Through

By Chaplain W. Wyeth Willard

This book is a product of the man and not simply the sequel to given events. It is more than a portrayal of events as they were enacted in the Pacific area; it is a photographic record of the qualities and workings of the man himself as these are reflected in his life and ministry among the Leathernecks in camp and upon battle field.

Despite the many war books that have been flooding the market, this work must fill an essential and vital need. So many writers have concentrated upon the military and naval aspects to the exclusion of the spiritual that this book comes in answer to an insistent demand.

The thing evangelicals are interested in has to do with questions having bearing upon the moral and spiritual phases as they meet in this great and bloody struggle. The author answers these questions showing how the whole movement of life with the fighting Marines looks from the eyes of a minister of the Gospel as one who is devoted and committed to the faith once delivered to the saints. Christian parents also are anxious to learn as to how these boys react to the horrors and tragedies of war and most of all the kind of spiritual fare that is being provided for these lads by leaders of the evangelical faith.

The author in his student days at Brown University manifested deep and strong convictions combined with a passion for the souls of men. Anything in the nature of the perfunctory was foreign to his nature as we knew him in those days. His whole bearing was that of a man who lived and moved under the realization of a sacred msision and of a holy calling. These same qualities are reflected in this book, only in a more intense form as he finds himself standing shoulder to shoulder with men who are facing eternity on beachhead and in jungle.

In a day when as evangelicals we are facing the greatest challenge that has ever confronted us, we need anything and everything that will serve to awaken us to all the factors involved in the bringing in of a great revival. In a unique sense this book does for us this very thing in so many ways and in so many relationships. In this very connection, Willard has a way of saying things that search us and pierce us. Here, for example is a pregnant thought and a pertinent word:

"A wounded sergeant was brought in from Tanambogo. He had been shot through the abdomen. I could see by the cold sweat on his face that he was dying. I knelt beside him and spoke softly. 'Sergeant, I'm your chaplain. May I read to you from the Word of God? Or would you like to have me pray with you?' "I never went much for that stuff back home," he replied weakly, "and I don't care for it now."

"He was, I thought, like Gallio of old — that deputy of Achaia before whom Paul was tried and of whom it is written in the eighteenth chapter of the book of Acts, 'And Gallio cared for none of these things'."

"Soon after, the sergeant passed on to the next world. I paused and wondered who had failed — the folks back home, the church, or the local pastor? Or had I failed? God forbid!"

It would appear that this author (with the same propensities he displayed in college) seems to omit nothing. Every conceivable angle is included in this work; every item of interest, every subject with a challenge; every association that might find an answer in the soul of a disciple finds place and emphasis here. Is it the value of missions? Is it the appraisal of the native? Is it that which pertains to the social life of a given people? Is it the love-problem of a marine? Well it is all here.

• A young captain was receiving letters from a girl back home. "She was very much in love with him", says the author, for "she started her letters with 'Darling,' or 'Dearest'. The rest was filled with such ethereal passages as would waft almost any ordinary individual into dreamland. 'But I don't love the girl,' said the captain. 'She loves me, oh yes! Chaplain, shall I marry her out of pity?' " Just how should a chaplain answer such a question? To get the answer to this and many other questions, you must read the book.

No review can possibly deal with the thousand things which stand out with peculiar merit in this work. Guadalcanal, The Natives; Sympathy Chit; Comrades All; The Holidays; Touring the Front; Questing for Souls; Objective Taken; Stuff of Heroes; Wooden Crosses and the like are but some of the chapter headings and these constitute themes which are approached and developed in the challenging and gripping style of a man who sees all things in the light of eternity.

The value of this work is discovered in the fact that the author writes as God's man. One can sense as one peruses these pages that this book and the task of writing it were steeped in prayer. Little wonder, then, that as a writer he not only describes things as they appear on the outside, but in a manner peculiar to deep spirituality we are led behind the scenes thus offering the perspective as associated with "the things that are eternal."

(Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, 224 pages, Price $2.50)

James H. McConkey

By Louise Harrison McCraw

If the thousands who came to know James H. McConkey through his books and pamphlets could have made the choice as to who should be given the task of writing his biography they could not have placed this work in more competent hands. The author does not attempt to dress this man up in some special style aiming for effect in order to win recognition as a writer. It is evident that she comes to her task in the same spirit which actuated the subject of the book, and the man of God she knew in the office in Richmond. This writer has learned the secret of making the story speak for itself.

The work is well planned thus we find a sequence which is the sequence of the life she knew and of which she speaks in words easy to be understood.

Because the theme is so rich, the author could have been betrayed into employing extravagant speech, but in place of this there is wise restraint and ornate simplicity.

Some writers may be likened to some correspondents who fill their letters up with things we do not want to know and leave out the very things we are eager to know. Miss McGraw tells us the very things we want to know about this life. She tells us the "what" and the "where" and the "how", and then for good measure we find out the "why". Then, too, the strength of the work is not discovered simply in the facts that are given, but rather in the way they are given, and all this is the fruit of understanding. The author came to know James H. McConkey at first hand, and such knowledge was the gift of a close and intimate fellowship. Little wonder, then, that this writer can let us into some of the inner secrets of some of the great messages we have read from the pen of this man of God. Because these messages have moved us, we have often wondered how they came to be written. In this delightful biography we get to know how and why some of these subjects found shape.

We are greatly impressed with the importance of small details as they appear in this picture, supplying just the right atmosphere and giving the needful background.

The birth and growth of the Silver Publishing Society makes fascinating reading. It carries us back to another story which has its home in Bristol, England. Then, too, some of us were ignorant of the Braille Circulating Library which this man of God was used to create that the blind may read some of these classics of the spiritual life.

Many readers will not be able to conceal the smile when they learn how McConkey could make Arminians relish and rejoice in wholesome Calvanistic teaching. The author tells us that one member of an Arminian group informed her that the only time she felt like shouting in public was when she heard McConkey speak on "No Condemnation." Here was a man who knew how to "speak the truth in love."

In the description of life in the office, this author sets forth material that leaders in many of our Christian organizations need to learn, and which they may read with profit. Miss McCraw tells us how James McConkey handled his helpers. Each individual was given full responsibility in the exercise of his particular task, and such responsibility was united with perfect confidence and freedom to act which issued in unity and efficiency in every department of the work. McConkey, we learn, not only preached love, but also practised this virtue.

Because this book is well writen we find ourselves thanking God for the record of this man who touched hundreds of lives by his writings, and also for the fact that the instrument for giving us this story was none other than this woman whose book is worthy of the great life it is designed to portray.

Evangelical Publishers, Inc., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, 211 pages. Price not given.)

Great Songs Of The Gospel

By Al Smith

The virtue of this collection is found in the fact that it packs a great variety in a very small compass. In our experience with Song books we do not recall discovering one which offers such a wide selection in so few pages. To this we may add the fact that the selections are well chosen. Only an artist, and one who is familar wtih the needs of given services, could have prepared such a collection.

Nothing is more disappointing for a minister or Christian worker than to find that the very hymn he desires for a particular emphasis is not to be found in the whole book. This is the common experience with larger books, but in a unique sense, it is not true with this assortment. Best of all, the compiler has a way of clinging to the immortal hymns of the Church so that we are presented with a truly-gospel song book.

There is one handicap with this book, and it is associated with the fact that there are no helps in the way of responsive readings and the like, aids which are almost indispensable for Sunday Schools and gatherings for young people in the nature of Christian Endeavor meetings. However, for Youth Rallies, the book will supply a pressing need, and for revival services, no better song book could be found.

Among the strong points of this collection must be included its fine list of choruses. Here we will find: "Every Moment of The Day;" "He Cannot Fail;" "Christ For Me;" "Into My Heart;" "Sweeter Than the Day Before;" "For God So Loved The World;" and "All Because of Calvary."

The disappointing and tragic feature of modern song books is seen in their shallow emphasis — writers and composers who give us nothing more than ethical ditties, and sweet sentimental nothings. The crying need is for the Gospel, not only in our preaching, but also in our singing. The true function of a song book is not simply to get people to sing, but to get them saved, and salvation is through the everlasting Gospel. This is exactly what Al Smith does in this delightful collection, for he sets us all to singing the "Old, Old Story" in songs that convict the soul and capture the heart.

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The First Presbyterian Church of Duluth, Minnesota, found its beginning at the home of Luke Marvin, and the whole movement is lighted up with the glowing atmosphere of the early Church, for our minds are taken back to the language of St. Paul addressed to just such a company in his own day—"The Church which is in thy house." These were days when the organization was lost in the organism, and when godly men counted more than Gothic structures, at least, so far as our own American life was concerned. In any case, it was upon such solid ground that the First Presbyterian Church was built.

Searching into the old records, we find a unique document drawn up in 1869 which bears the names of ten persons: Luke Marvin, Franklin W. Ely, John C. Hunter, Frederick W. Ryder, W. H. Wynkoop, Mary A. Marvin, Catherine Hunter, Olive Munger, Louisa Ryder and E. A. Wynkoop. This document breathes the spirit of United Evangelical Action, and really suggests the N.A.E. in embryo. We quote in part:

"It is our desire and intention in signing this paper that any church structure which may be erected under the auspices of this first church organization of Duluth shall be used as far as practicable as a union church for other denominations, until they shall provide themselves with church edifices."

In all these citadels of the faith one dominant note is sounded — that of the everlasting Gospel. Their greatness flows out of the presence and greatness of a great Gospel. This great Church declares its devotion to the glorious Gospel as revealed in the Word of God.

The First Presbyterian Church of Duluth seems to be a church of short pastorates, and yet one of fruitful ministry. The present pastor is Dr. Archer E. Anderson who began his ministry May 1, 1939.

The Church was really organized by the Rev. William R. Higgins on July 1, 1869. As already stated, services began in the home of Luke Marvin, but later were conducted in the school house.

The historical record makes interesting reading, and many of the items given are of an educational nature, for they point to the secret and source of success in the affairs of the Church.

The strength and growth of this church is not to be confined to any one factor, but rather to a combination of factors. Reading the section devoted to "Our Church Laymen," we discover the presence and operation of a vital principle too often ignored by churches to their sorrow. This church has learned that there is strength in numbers. More than this, it views the church as a workshop for the training of workers for service. Under this head we read:

"It seems as though our custom of having a large number of elders and deacons has had an effect of attracting and developing men in church work, thus benefiting the church, the worker and the community as well."

Another aspect of strength in this church is its missionary outlook, for among other workers we find men representing the church as "Skypilots of the Lumberjacks," as well as workers in many of the smaller churches.

Space does not permit any lengthy setting forth of the work carried on by the consecrated women of this church. Suffice it to say that the ladies no longer work to earn money for the church. In place of this, in their gatherings they bring free will offerings when they meet for a luncheon and a missionary program. They also devote their time to Bible study, missionary study, white cross work, and sewing for missionary and charitable organizations. Oh, for more such groups of consecrated women in our churches.

The real key to the life and future of the Church is related to its young people. The record of this church is so challenging in its work with young people that it will be impossible to describe in a few words. The work runs all the way from missionary activities, Bible study, Christian literature, Week Day Education Classes. Out of the latter, we find the Evangelical Ministers Association sponsoring this work on a city-wide scale. Fifty-five churches are cooperating. There is a full-time director, with a staff of 116 teachers. Fourteen of these teachers are from this church. Among the Youth organizations the strongest is the Christian Endeavor group.

As might be expected of such a church, it is noted for its missionary program. It has a large list of workers sustained by this great church doing service on the various mission fields. The goal of the church is a missionary budget that shall equal and exceed the current expense budget.

Our prayers are united with those of the pastor and people of this great Church that they "may indeed lay hold upon that for which Christ laid hold upon them."

Charles Weigle Speaks In Syracuse, N. Y.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 23—Dr. Charles Weigle recently held two weeks of evangelistic meetings here under the auspices of the Faith Gospel Witness. Meetings were held in the Lafayette Avenue Methodist Church of which Dr. Harold S. Swales is the pastor.

In spite of bad weather conditions, the meetings were well attended and many accepted the Lord. Seventy-five young people in the Sunday School alone responded at one meeting.

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NEW YORK, March 27—E Sunday marks the 21st birth of the radio broadcast of Ma hattan's historic Calvary Bap Church. The Rev. Dr. Willi Ward Ayer, pastor of this cent old center of evangelicalism, "Although an exhaustive has not been made, it seems dent from the facts at hand this broadcast emanating Calvary Baptist Church Lord's day is the oldest conti ous religious broadcast now the air." It originated back the days of the famed Dr. Roach Straton, who used the cilities for the airing of many vices. The wavelength was sold to Radio Station W which is now America's lar and most powerful indepen station and which is the origi ing station for 15 outlets East, making it possible for thousands of people in that section to hear the old fashi Gospel. The present broadc Dr. Ayer, was preceded by Will H. Houghton, now of Bible Institute, Chicago, and late Dr. Straton.

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To Evangelical Christians Throughout America

TO EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT AMERICA:

The acid test has come to Protestant Christianity. t is Christ or chaos throughout the world.

This is the one time for action. We are faced today with intolerable controls in church and state, from which e must free ourselves. Efforts are being made to stifle spel broadcasting and bring God's free men, in the lpit, over the air and through the press, into puppet-like bserviance to ecclesiastical and political powers. The ur has come to re-announce our undying loyalty to re- gious liberty.

The American doctrine of the separation of church d state is being threatened. Political leadership in this untry is dabbling with foreign ecclesiastical powers.

Evangelical Christian agencies must prayerfully seek tual understanding and a common ground of action in mbatting forces that would destroy the faith and en- ve the faithful. The Christian American way of life st live again.

We of sound faith and an experience in Christ must esent a solid front against atheistic communism, the in- mous liquor conspiracy, gambling, promiscuity and loose rals, a liberalism that while crying "hail Master" gives Jesus Christ the kiss of actual betrayal, and an apostasy t is deadening the church to its roots.

We must go to the rescue of the Christian American home. We must battle for Christian education as ever against this [illegible] religious education that has descended upon the church like a plague of grasshoppers. We must defend the rights of Christian minorities both at home and abroad. We must provide evangelical chaplains for business and industry. We must feed and clothe the Protestant minorities that have no organized distributing agencies in war wrecked lands.

Therefore we commend to all evangelical Christians, of every name and order, that they investigate prayerfully The National Association of Evangelicals, with headquarters at 120 Tremont Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts. We urge that you examine closely its aims, purposes and activities, and, if it commends itself to you as of the Lord, we recommend that you use it freely as a clearing house for the activities of that swiftly growing company of Evangelicals who are no longer content to live unto themselves.

We believe that this organization deserves your sympathy, your prayers, and your financial support. Who knows but that God has called it forth to meet the crisis of such an hour!

In making this statement, the undersigned seek no organic union or organized combination of God's people. We do seek the unity of genuine believers and the fullest cooperation on the part of those who are determined to know and publish to the world Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

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Washington Office Is Successful In Securing Passports

By Clyde W. Taylor
Director of Washington Office

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31—When the Lord called Paul and Barnabas into missionary activity and they prepared to leave for Seleucia and Cyprus, there were three things that did not disturb them. They did not need passports, entrance permits and visas to Cyprus nor priorities for passage by boat. Modern Saint Pauls find all this has changed. Months of delay result as missionaries have to wait for passports, entrance permits into mission fields and non-priority transportation to their fields of service. It was because of the many difficulties encountered in these matters that the National Association of Evangelicals opened the Washington office. It has primarily become the office of missions for our Association. Such an office has to prove its worth before foreign mission executives will utilize it but we believe our record for the past six months will show that we have been able to save thirty-three mission boards effort and time as we have handled a large variety of tasks for them here.

Generally, our assistance has been sought in obtaining passports only when prompt action is required or when there seems to be unnecessary delay. During the past six months we have had the joy of seeing seventy-two passports issued and mailed to missionaries going to many parts of the world, mostly to Latin America.

With reference to this matter, we wish to state that we have found the Department of State willing at all times to cooperate to the best of their ability in issuing passports to any country. We believe an office in Washington has proved advantageous to the Passport Division of the State Department because they can refer incomplete or defective passport applications from our constituent members directly to us and avoid much correspondence. We in turn take full responsibility in securing necessary information and relieve our mission boards of much delay and worry.

Our office has not endeavored to set up a travel bureau but we try to keep in touch with all travel agencies including some set up by foreign legations in our nation's capitol, and we have been able to assist in securing unexpected passage to a desired mission field.

We are finding that the mission boards are by no means monopolizing our attention for considerable time and effort has been spent in securing rulings and procuring information from government agencies. This office has been able to assist a number in applying for permission to hold national conventions. The War Committee on Conventions has recently ruled that summer camps for youth and adults that combine vacation recreations and religious instruction are outside the Commission's authority and hence are permissible without permit. We were advised and notified our constituents. The nurses draft has caused much concern to some of our Bible Institutes and Colleges as well as mission boards. We have reason to believe, through efforts made by this office, that if the bill is passed, there will be no discrimination against Protestant evangelical nurses and they, as full-time religious workers, will be exempt along with others.

With the prayers and help of our constituents, we are confident that this department of the National Association of Evangelicals will not only justify its existence, but be an efficient agency in advancing the cause of Christ abroad and at home.

Clyde W. Taylor,
Director Washington Office

Missions Leader Arrives In Europe

NEW YORK, March 10 (RNS)—Dr. Emory Ross, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, has arrived in Europe to confer with religious leaders and government officials on matters pertaining to advancement of the missionary enterprise in post-war years.

In London, Dr. Ross plans to discuss problems of dependent peoples, and questions of religious liberty. He hopes later to visit France, Belgium, and Portugal to seek improved facilities for North American mission interests in Africa, and increased cooperative relationships with colonial administrations.

He will also discuss possibilities of joint centers in France, Belgium, and Portugal where North American missionaries may improve their knowledge of languages, history, education, cultures and customs of the colonial and European peoples among whom they will work.

Dr. Ross will aid in planning post-war regional conferences in West, Central, East, and [illegible] Africa during 1946, in [illegible] African Christians and [illegible]aries from Europe and North Am[illegible]erica will participate.

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